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## Letters to The Times

### Stand on Cuba Opposed

Fair Play for Cuba Committee Is  
Queried on Support of Regime

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

The advertisement of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" published April 21, is an affront to the American people. This committee's concept of fair play is complete tolerance and even benevolence toward the present regime of Fidel Castro, which suppresses basic human rights and sanctions terror and official murder as an instrument of government.

The Senate subcommittee on Internal Security had direct testimony, since made public, that the bulk of the money for their previous advertisement was handed over to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee by the son of Dr. Raul Roa, Cuba's Foreign Minister. Furthermore, three leading members of the committee, including the former executive director, have taken asylum in Castro's Cuba, while other Americans face the firing squad in that country. Yet this committee has the audacity to question whether President Kennedy and Secretary of State Rusk speak for the American people.

Does the omission of free elections, or indeed elections of any sort, during the more than two years of the present Cuban regime provide the Fair Play for Cuba Committee with evidence that the Cuban people are being consulted or that they are really free to exercise "the right to determine their own destiny"?

Are the present Cuban exiles and rebels, who were in the forefront of the struggle against Batista, any less Cuban than those who support Castro? Are they any less worthy of support now than when they were helping Castro to overthrow the dictatorship of Batista? Fair play indeed!

Americans will bear in mind, even if the Fair Play for Cuba Committee prefers not to, that the Castro dictatorship has chosen to join the Soviet bloc and is the recipient of arms, equipment and supplies, as well as direct military training, from the Communist nations. The committee apparently has no objection to intervention in Cuba from these sources.

Finally, it should be noted that this committee in its latest advertisement lists only the name of an "Acting National Executive Secretary." Where are those sponsors who in the past were willing to identify themselves? Evidently the Fair Play for Cuba Committee has become an anonymous voice for those who "demand an investigation of the activities of the C. I. A." but who cannot themselves bear investigation.

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